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PATENT APPLICATION

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) petitions(s) the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2001 for one month(s) from March 8, 2001 to April 8, 2001.

Please charge **Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No. 12-2325** in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to **Deposit Account No. 12-2325**. Duplicate copies of this petition are enclosed.

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